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Most Important Current Affairs of February

India ranked 2nd in producer of Crude Steel

- As per **World Steel Association data**, **India** became the **second-largest steel producer** of **crude steel** after China 2019, by replacing Japan. India's crude steel production in 2019 was at 111.2 MT, an increase of 1.7 per cent from 109.3 MT in 2018. China remains number one with 996.3 million tonnes in 2019. The United States and Russia rank fourth and fifth respectively.
- Here is the list of Top 5 Crude steel producers in the world in 2019:

Rank	Country	Qty (mt)
1.	China	996.3
2.	India	111.2
3.	Japan	99.3
4.	USA	87.9
5.	Russia	71.6

Sri Lanka tops in Breast Feeding support Policies and Programs

- **Sri Lanka** has **topped** a new survey conducted by the **World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi)**. The survey was conducted on "**Breast Feeding support Policies and Programs**". Sri Lanka has received the green color code after scoring 91 points out of 100 and has become the **first country** to achieve the "**Green**" **nation status** in supporting breastfeeding women.
- The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) stated that the high level commitment of the island nation towards health and nutrition of mothers and babies is the major reason for its presence on top of the chart.
- The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) was developed by the experts at the Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India.

2020 EE British Academy Film Awards: Find complete list of winners here

- The **2020 EE British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA)** were distributed during the award ceremony held at the Royal Albert Hall in London. This was the 73rd edition of the awards which honoured the best national and foreign films of year 2019. The winners were awarded for various categories like Best Film, Outstanding British Film, Documentary, Animated Film, Director and many other.
- The Leading Actor award was won by Joaquin Phoenix for his film Joker. Sam Mendes' movie "1917" dominated the award winning list by winning the awards in categories of best film, outstanding british film, best director, cinematography, production design, sound and special visual effects.
- Here is the complete list of winners of 2020 EE British Academy Film Awards:

S.No.	Category	Winner
1	BEST FILM	1917
2	OUTSTANDING BRITISH FILM	1917
3	OUTSTANDING DEBUT BY A BRITISH WRITER, DIRECTOR OR PRODUCER	Mark Jenkin (Writer/Director), Kate Byers, Linn Waite (Producers) (Movie: Bait)
4	FILM NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Parasite
5	DOCUMENTARY	For Sama
6	ANIMATED FILM	Klaus
7	DIRECTOR	Sam Mendes (1917)
8	ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY	Han Jin Won, Bong Joon Ho (Parasite)

9	ADAPTED SCREENPLAY	Jojo Rabbit
10	LEADING ACTRESS	Renee Zellweger (Judy)
11	LEADING ACTOR	Joaquin Phoenix (Joker)
12	SUPPORTING ACTRESS	Laura Dern (Marriage Story)
13	SUPPORTING ACTOR	Brad Pitt (Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood)
14	ORIGINAL SCORE	Joker
15	CASTING	Joker
16	CINEMATOGRAPHY	1917
17	EDITING	LE MANS '66
18	PRODUCTION DESIGN	1917
19	COSTUME DESIGN	Jacqueline Durran (Little Women)
20	MAKE UP & HAIR	Vivian Baker, Kazu Hiro, Anne Morgan (Bombshell)
21	SOUND	1917
22	SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS	1917
23	BRITISH SHORT ANIMATION	Grandad Was A Romantic
24	BRITISH SHORT FILM	Learning To Skateboard In A Warzone (IF YOU'RE A GIRL)
25	EE RISING STAR AWARD	Micheal Ward

Australia Open 2020: Complete List of Winners

- **Australian Open** is the first of the four annual Grand Slam events among the world's major tennis championships. The grand slam Australian Open is held annually at Melbourne Park in Melbourne, Australia. The Australian Open was started in 1905 in only Men Singles category, by the the Lawn Tennis Association of Australasia (Now Australia). The first Australian Open having the category "Women's Singles" was held in 1922.
- In Australian Open 2020, **Novak Djokovic** defeated Dominic Thiem to win the **Men's Singles title** while **Sofia Kenin** defeated Garbiñe Muguruza to win the **Women's Singles title**.

Here is the complete list of winners:

S.No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1	Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Dominic Thiem (Austria)
2	Women's Singles	Sofia Kenin (USA)	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)
3	Mixed Doubles	Barbora Krejckova (Czech Republic) & Nikola Pietrangeli (Croatia)	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) & Jamie Murray (United Kingdom)
4	Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (United States of America) & Joe Salisbury (United Kingdom)	Max Purcell (Australia) & Luke Saville (Australia)
5	Women's Doubles	Timea Babos (Hungary) & Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Su-Wei Hsieh (Chinese Taipei) & Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)

National Affairs

- The **Supreme Court** has directed the states to establish **Gram Nyayalayas** within four weeks under Gram Nyayalayas Act,2008, to provide speedy and inexpensive justice to people in rural areas at their doorsteps.
- **Jaipur "The Pink City"** has been certified by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (**UNESCO**) as the World Heritage site.
- **Atal Innovation Mission**, NITI Aayog has begun a series of innovation demo days which aims to unite the stakeholders of the food processing and agriculture sector in India. The first innovation demo day was held in **New Delhi**.

- The Union Cabinet has approved to bestow the status of **Institution of National Importance** to the **five** Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs).
- The Union Cabinet has given its in-principle approval to set up a new Major Port at Vadhavan near **Dahanu** in **Maharashtra** on the basis of land lord model.
- India's biggest rural technical festival titled '**Antahpragnya 2020**' was held in Basar, Nirmal District of **Telangana** with the theme "Spot and encourage rural tech innovators".

States in the News

- **Madhya Pradesh** government has entered into an agreement with the Survey of India, to employ **drones** for **mapping of villages**.
- To ensure the home delivery of the government services, **Karnataka** Government has launched a scheme "**Janasevaka**".

International Affairs

- **Katy Perry** has become the ambassador of the **British Asian Trust's Children's Protection Fund for India**, recently unveiled by Britain's Prince Charles.
- **Romania's pro-European government** led by Prime Minister Ludovic Orban has **collapsed** in a **parliamentary no-confidence vote** after only 3 months in office.
- The United States President **Donald Trump** has been **acquitted** of all **impeachment** charges.
- **Sri Lanka** celebrated its **72nd Independence Day** on 4th February 2020. The major change in the celebration ceremony was the National Anthem of Sri Lanka as it was sung only in Sinhala and not in Tamil language.
- **Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi** was appointed as **Iraq's new Prime Minister** by President Barhim Salih. Former PM Adil Abdul-Mahdi resigned in November 2019 due to anti-government protests.
- **Maldives** has returned to **Commonwealth** after its exit in 2016 and hence, has become the **54th member** of the global body.
- Prime Minister of **Pakistan** Imran Khan has declared a **national emergency** in the country to battle **locust swarms**.
- **NASA's** astronaut **Christina Koch** has returned to Earth after her record stay of **328 days** in space and surpassed Peggy Whitson's record for an American woman on a single spaceflight at 289 days.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Indian Oil Corporation** and **Russian Rosneft** has signed a term contract for importing 2 Million Metric Tonnes of **Urals grade crude oil** to India for the year 2020.
- **Indian Oil** has picked up a minority equity stake in **Israel's** battery developer **Phinergy** to jointly set up a facility in India to manufacture **metal-air batteries** for electric vehicles.
- **Eastern Railways** has partnered with **Amazon India** to set up a pick-up kiosk at the Sealdah railway station in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will conduct the "**Financial Literacy Week 2020**" from February 10 to February 14, 2020. The **theme** will be "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**)".
- **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation** has increased the insurance coverage for depositors in all insured banks from Rs 1 lakh to **Rs 5 lakh** with effect from **February 4, 2020**.
- The Union Cabinet has empowered **Reserve Bank of India** to have better **control** over **urban co-operative banks** and **multi-state cooperative banks**. The bank is empowered after the amendments in the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.
- **Reliance General Insurance Company Limited** has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan named "**Reliance Health Infinity**" which offers 90 days pre and 180 days post hospitalization cover.
- **Paytm** has launched an Android POS device for small and medium businesses (**SMEs**) & **merchant partners** to enable the merchants to accept payments in various ways like debit and credit cards, Paytm Wallet, UPI-based apps and cash.

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Appointments/Resignations

- **Jindal South West (JSW) Steel** has appointed Indian cricketer **Rishabh Pant** as its brand ambassador.
- **Ryan Roslansky** will replace the present **Chief Executive Officer of LinkedIn Corporation** Jeff Weiner in June 2020.
- **Pramod Agrawal** assumed charge as the new **chairman and managing director** of **Coal India Ltd.**
- India's Para-athlete **Deepa Malik** has been elected as **president of Paralympic Committee of India.**
- **Gopal Baglay** has been appointed as the next **High Commissioner of India** to the Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka.**
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India has announced the appointment of **Madan Lal, Rudra Pratap Singh** and **Sulakshana Naik** as member of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).
- **Ajay Bisaria** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to **Canada.**
- The government of India has appointed M Ajit Kumar as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

Schemes and Committees

- The Union Government has set up a **task force** which has a target to restrict the **Novel Coronavirus** in India. The task force consists of Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**, Minister of State for Home Affairs **G Kishan Reddy** and Civil Aviation Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri.**

Defence News

- Indian Army Major **Anoop Mishra** has developed first **bulletproof helmet** of the world under the Indian Army's project "**Abhedya**". The helmet can stop an AK-47 bullet round fired from a distance of 10 meters.
- Union government has set a **defense export target** of **5 billion dollars** in the upcoming five years (approx 35,000 crore rupees).
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** has signed a partnership pact with **Israel Aerospace Industries** to manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India.
- **India** hosted the Ministerial-level **Defence dialogue** between India and **South Korea** in **New Delhi** to deepen bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.
- The **Indian Navy** conducts a coastal security exercise named '**Malta Abhiyan**' in **Kolkata**, West Bengal.

- The **11th edition** of the mega defence exhibition, **DefExpo 2020** begins at **Lucknow** in **Uttar Pradesh.** The **theme** of DefExpo India-2020 is "**India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub**".

Awards and Recognitions

- The President of India has presented the **International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy** for the year 2019 to **Dr N.S. Dharmashakti** in New Delhi.
- **Vinod Kumar Shukla** has won the inaugural **Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award** for his translated book "**Blue Is Like Blue**".
- The Veteran actor **Waheeda Rehman** will be honoured the **Madhya Pradesh** government's **National Kishore Kumar Samman.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India** governor **Shaktikanta Das** has been named the '**Central Banker of the Year 2020**' for the Asia-Pacific region by financial intelligence magazine **The Banker.**
- **Madhya Pradesh** Minister for Women and Child Development **Imarti Devi** and Principal Secretary **Anupam Rajan** have been **awarded** for the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana** in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Summit and Conference

- The 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show has begun in Kochi, Kerala with the theme "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition".
- **Lucknow** hosts the **5th India-Russia Military Industrial Conference** during which Indian & Russian companies signed MoU for the production defence equipment like parts of T-72, T-90, ASW Rocket launchers, radar systems and 3D modeling
- **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry** has organised the "**Central Asia Business Council**" in New Delhi.

Ranks and Reports

- **Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP)** of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania has released the **2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report**. **India's Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** has been ranked at **27th** position among 176 global think tanks (U.S. and non-U.S.).

Sports News

- The **National Anti-Doping Agency** has suspended **weightlifter Ramshad AR** for a period of 2 years after being found guilty of violating the anti-doping rule.
- The National Anti-Doping Agency (**NADA**) has suspended Indian **wrestler Ravinder Kumar** for 4 years for failing a dope test.
- Weightlifter **Sambo Lapung** has won the gold medal with a new **national record of 188kg** in clean and jerk event in men's 89kg event of the **National Weightlifting Championships** held in **Kolkata**.

Obituaries

- Former Assam Legislative Assembly Speaker and sitting Congress MLA **Pranab Kumar Gogoi** passed away.
- Renowned Odia revolutionary poet and freedom fighter **Rabi Singh** passed away. He was popularly known as '**Biplabi Kabi**'.
- Eminent Punjabi writer and Sahitya Akademi Awardee **Jaswant Singh Kanwal** passed away.
- The Academy Award winning Hollywood Actor, producer and director **Kirk Douglas** passed away.

Miscellaneous News

- Geneva-based **World Health Organization** has called for **675 million US dollars** in donations for a plan to fight the novel coronavirus.
- The **Indian Olympic Association** has invited BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** to become the **Goodwill**

Static Takeaways

- Chief Minister of Telangana: K. Chandrashekar Rao; Governor: Dr Tamilsai Soundararajan; Capital: Hyderabad.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra; Capital: Jaipur.
- Chief Justice of India: Sharad Arvind Bobde; Founded: 28th January 1950.

- **Rakhi Halder** has won the gold medal in the 64kg event of the **National Weightlifting Championships** held in Kolkata.
- **Hockey India** and **Sports Authority of India** has announced the plan of establishing the **High Performance Hockey Centres** in seven places across India. It aims to provide state-of-the-art facilities to junior and sub-Junior players and to groom the young talent in view of 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games.


Important Days

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female** was observed globally on **6 February** with the theme "**Unleashing Youth Power**".
- **World Wetlands Day** is annually celebrated globally on **2nd of February** to raise the awareness about the crucial role played by wetlands for people and our planet. The **theme** of 2020 is "**Wetlands and Biodiversity**".
- **World Cancer Day** was observed globally on **4th February** with the theme '**I Am and I Will**'. **Ambassador** of the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Olympics.
- The government of India unveiled a new indigenously developed vaccine for controlling **classical swine fever (CSF)** which is a highly contagious **fatal pig disease**. The new vaccine is developed by Uttar Pradesh based Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI).
- **Mo O'Brien** has become the **first deaf person** on record to **row an ocean** by finishing a **3,000-mile journey across the Atlantic ocean** with her daughter Bird Watts, and their friend Claire Allinson.
- Bangladesh's Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** has inaugurated the **Ekushey Book fair** organised at Bangla Academy premises in Dhaka. The book fair is annually celebrated to commemorate the martyrs of the Bangladesh's language movement which helped in establishing Bangla as the official language of the then East Pakistan.
- Capital of Pakistan: Islamabad; President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.
- Capital of Iraq: Baghdad; Currency of Iraq: Iraqi dinar.
- Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan rupee; Prime minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa; President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Capital of the United States: Washington, D.C.
- President of Romania: Klaus Iohannis; Currency: Romanian leu; Capital: Bucharest.

- British Asian Trust founded: 2007; Founder: Prince Charles.
- The Banking Regulation Act, 1949 is legislation in India that regulates all banking firms.
- Shaktikanta Das is the 25th governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Chairman of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation: B.P.Kanungo.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Founded: 1 January 1964.
- Union Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly; Headquarter of BCCI: Mumbai.
- Headquarters of Paralympic Committee of India: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Headquarter of Coal India: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- LinkedIn Corp: Headquarters: Sunnyvale, California, United States.
- JSW steel Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh.
- Navy Day in India is celebrated on 4th December.
- General Bipin Rawat is the current Chief of Defence Staff of India.
- 28th Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath.
- Headquarters of RBI: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority: K.S. Srinivas.
- Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC): Sanjiv Singh.
- President of Indian Olympic Association: Narinder Dhruv Batra.

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